

JAPAN WEEK 2007

Respect Life, Realize Unity, and
Respond to Globalization

Welcome to Japan Week 2007: Respect Life, Realize Unity, and Respond to Globalization. We have now passed the half-way point of the first decade in the new millennium, and the course for the future has now been set. Japan Week 2007 gives the opportunity to build a bridge between cultures, enabling us to share our knowledge and experiences of Japan through lectures, symposia, workshops, events and even awards. Japan Week 2007 demonstrates an ongoing commitment to help bring together people of different races, religions, cultures and ethnic backgrounds in one world. Japan Week 2007 grants an excellent opportunity for sharing a greater understanding of Japan and its people. It is also our hope that participants of this events will become leaders in a flourishing dialogue between Japan and the United States for building a more peaceful global community.

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March 27 (Tuesday)

1-2:15 p.m. Beck Rooms, Walsh Library
Silence and Space in Japanese Film

Professor Gary will inform us his recent new discovery of Japanese films in China, and discuss silence and space in the Japanese films of Yasujiro Ozu and Akira Kurosawa including Kurosawa's popularity with and influence upon Western directors such as Francis Ford Coppola and Martin Scorsese. Jeffrey H. Gray, Professor, Department of English, Seton Hall University.

2:30-3:45 p.m. Beck Rooms, Walsh Library
*Haiku Workshop 2007:
Express Yourself in 5-7-5*

Come and make your Haiku, the shortest form of poem in the world, which will reflect your inner spirit. Your Haiku will be posted on the Japan Week website. Hosted by Hiroko Ogino and Shigeru Osuka, Japanese Program, Seton Hall University.

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m., Beck Rooms, Walsh Library
*Japanese Movie: Crying Out Love,
In The Centre Of The World*

Japanese romance novel by Katayama Kyoichi, sold over 3 million copies in Japan alone, is now adapted into one of the biggest hits of the summer box office in Japan! The film is one of the most loved and romantic films! (2004) 138 min. Hosted by Shigeru Osuka, Director of Japanese Program, Seton Hall University.

March 29 (Thursday)

11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. A & S Hall, Room 102
*SHU-JAPAN
Exchange Program Workshop*

Christopher Keenan, former JET Program participant, and the SHU-Japan Exchange Program Summer 2006 participants will share their experiences in Japan. Students interested in studying in Japan are encouraged to attend. Hosted by the SHU-Japan Summer 2006 Exchange Program Participants.



March 30 (Friday)

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Beck Rooms, Walsh Library)
*The Tenth Annual Graduate Student/
School Teacher Symposium on
Japanese Studies*

Keynote Speech, "Bridging the Pacific, Bridging the World: Japan-US Relations in the Era of Globalization" by Jiro Okuyama, Director of Japan Information Center, Consulate General of Japan in New York. This event also includes the presentation of the Japan Week Service Award to Peter G. Ahr, Professor of Religious Studies at Seton Hall University; Presentation of Japanese/Multicultural Teaching Awards to Ms. Jean Meyers, Rutgers Preparatory School, and Catherine Fisco, Cranford High Schools as well as Japanese Language Studies Awards to both New Jersey high school and SHU students.

April 2 (Monday)

Registration: 11:30 a.m. - Noon,
University Green
Noon - 12:30 p.m.

Contest and Awards Ceremony
The Seventh Annual Kite Contest

Contestants should bring a handmade kite to the University Green. Materials for the kite contest will be available in Fahy Hall Room 208 between March 5 and March 29. Kites are judged on flying height, size and creativity. Hosted by Seton Hall University's Asian Studies Club and Japanese Language Classes (Rain date: Thursday, April 5).

April 3 (Tuesday)

1 - 2:15 p.m. (Beck Rooms, Walsh Library)
*Kunoichi and Sasuke:
Most Extreme Challenge*

Better than MXC on Spike TV! Come to cheer for contestants as they attempt to make their way through extremely difficult and physically demanding obstacle courses. One hundred people begin each challenge, and each challenge has only one winner. Videotaped highlights of this year's *Kunoichi* (Women's Competition) and *Sasuke* (Men's Competition) will be shown. Hosted by Kirk Rawn, Associate Provost for Academic Services and Events at Seton Hall University.

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Beck Rooms, Walsh Library)
Japanese Movies:

The Uchoten Hotel (The Rejoice Hotel)

Koki Mitani's political satire has a member of the Japanese parliament hiding from personal and political scandal in a Tokyo hotel. A delightful ensemble comedy. (2005, 136 min.)

All events are open to the public and free of charge.
The program is subject to change.

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